

land, a large portion of which will make good farms. In Kansas there are 734,000 acres of public land, which, whatever else may be said of it, is as desirable as Oklahoma and the strip. In Arkansas there are 5,051,000 acres of public lands, a part of which is doubtless good for farming purposes. In Wisconsin the government yet owns \$71,000 acres, which, as it has not been gobbled up by the timber speculators, must be suitable for agricultural purposes when the forests are cleared off. When the western line of Kansas is passed there are scores of millions of acres, which, with irrigation, will become valuable. Nebraska has 10,000,000 acres which can be made the best with sufficient water. It will cost money and take time to bring such lands under cultivation, but there is no hurry. While there is no prairie that is desirable there is room for the homeless to make farms as they were made in Indiana, that is, by clearing off the forests in Missouri, and even in Arkansas, if they have the courage to undertake it.

It was announced by telegraph a few days ago that Judge Barker, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, had ordered that the papers neither comment on nor report a case he was about to try. It is said that his reason for so doing is that the testimony would contain revelations which should not be published. Doubtless Judge Barker can quote the law which gives him the power to prevent the reporting of the testimony in cases which may be polluting to the public mind. Such a law would be of the nature of that now in force in several States which gives the court power to exclude minors from the court room for similar reasons. The proceeding is a novel one, but from the point of view that the testimony is indecent, it is a proper one. Newspapers have no more right to publish vile testimony in court than they have to publish indecent stories.

Rewards of Literature.
Speaking in Scribner's Magazine, of the inadequate pecuniary rewards of literature, Mr. W. D. Howells says: "What book of verse by a recent poet, if we except some such peculiarly gifted poet as Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, has paid its expenses, not to speak of any profit to the author?" As a sort of supplement to this inquiry comes the statement by the Critic that forty thousand of Mr. Riley's books are sold by his Indianapolis publishers each year, and that the first edition of his new book, issued by the Century Company, has been exhausted before its publication. Possibly this statement answers, by deduction, Mr. Howells's query and explains why all literary labor is not rewarded alike. The public does not buy forty thousand volumes a year by any one author without a reason, and the reason is plain. The books speak to them; they contain what the readers want; they touch the heart. If all who essay to write poetry, or novels, or other sort of literature have a message to the people whom they address, if they speak from the heart to the heart, with all the artistic skill and power they can muster, but above all, with earnestness, they, too, will have their reward in a financial way as well as in honor and popular regard. Men and women will continue to write, as many men continue to teach or to preach, without any special "call" thereto, and their recompense will be small in proportion. It is the message and the force of it that tell. When any man knows that he has something to give the public he will give it, and no publishers or no fear of little profit will prevent. Moved by such stimulus there is no question of East or West, North or South. The literary man with something to say is sure to be recognized wherever he goes. Hamlin Garland's glibness about the antagonism between Eastern and Western circles of culture to the contrary, notwithstanding.

A LETTER from Colonel Merrill, written the 29th of August, and just received, contains the following, which may be of interest to some who were at the Contemporary Club Friday evening:
Now that the missionaries are turning from the brilliant, vain, worthless fellows who have been on top for ages, and are going heart and soul for the ignorant, poor, wretched, low caste and outcast, they are underlining the devil's empire and making a sort of lively time next century. This caste system is a vast labor union affair with religious sanction, and its type is grinds with cold and hideous cruelty. I asked a cultured native what would be the family treatment of two brothers whose history has been somewhat peculiar. If they should present themselves at their early home, one was gifted with every grace. After going through Oxford and attaining the highest office a native can receive from the government. He showed by the grandeur of his life that he was the noblest of men. The other, base from his cradle, committed every crime, completing the list by a series of murders, for which he was sentenced for life to the Andaman Islands. The wretch escaped from the islands. The gentleman, the cultured native, said that, presuming that he had been in a terrible case in eating or drinking, and the second had not, the first would be an utter stranger or worse, while the other would be a son and a brother.

A VASSAR, Mich., special to the Detroit Tribune, under date of Sept. 28, says:
Charles Murray, commander of Gen. William T. Sherman Post, No. 410, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., first enlisted in the three months service in the States of New York. He served his time and enlisted in Company B, Thirtieth New York Volunteers, and was discharged at the end of two years as a first sergeant, for disabilities. He was granted a pension several years ago. About two months ago he received a notice from the department to go to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to be examined. Thinking nothing of this, in Sept. 4, he started to Indianapolis to attend the encampment. He took his pension voucher with him to Detroit and called at the pension office to get his check and pay. He presented his voucher, but was informed that his pension had been suspended. He couldn't go any further, and he turned homeward a disappointed man. His pension suspension proved on his mind from that time until the 21st inst., when it was discovered that his mind was wandering. He was taken home, and from that time on he has been insane and confined to his bed. He imagines that he has been in a terrible battle and the smoke is so dense that he cannot see. There is a great pool of blood in front of his bed, and he cautions all who call on him to be careful or they will get all blood. He cannot recognize his neighbors nor his most intimate friends.

THE Toledo genius who is in the clutches of the law for having advertised to sell for \$5 ten steel engravings of scenes in the life of Columbus and then sending his customers a set of Columbian postage stamps, set up a logical defense. He says the stamps he sent fulfilled all the promises of his advertisement, being steel engravings, and fine ones at that. They were, sure enough, but somehow his logic is not convincing to the confiding persons who forwarded their \$5.

THE press dispatches giving an account of the jilting of one lover and the sudden marrying of another by a Cincinnati society girl mention the fact that the young woman's father is heart-broken but say nothing about the cardiac condition of the man who got left. All the world is said to love a lover, but evidently a news association has no compassion for a lover who loves alone.

If Anderson and Muncie convicts could vote on the question, would they decide to stay in their respective jails and take their chances of getting snail-pox, or would they lie them to the penitentiary and safest?

According to Warden French's edict they must stay away from the penitentiary, but what the sheriffs will do about it is not yet known.

BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

Insult to Injury.
"Excuse me," said the naturalist as he again impaled the unhappy beetle, "but you are wandering from the point."

Deadly Insult.
Mrs. Flagg—What on earth have you been fighting with Jimmy Briggs for?
Tommy—Cause his mother called me a perfect little gentleman.

The Sunny South's Advantage.
"You fellows have a great advantage in conserving the laws of justice over us fellows," said the gentleman from Idaho to the gentleman from Mississippi.
"How's that?"
"Why, sometimes it gets so cold up our way that you can't tie a knot in a rope 'thout freezing your fingers."

Doubtful Compliment.
Timmins—I wonder whether this fellow is in earnest or is trying to be funny?
Simmons—What is the matter?
Timmins—It is a fellow over in Illinois. He writes: "I would be pleased to have your permission to set your latest poem to music. I think that in that case I might be able to make something out of it."

LITERARY NOTES.

A new edition from new plates is promised of Mrs. Harris's "Rutledge," one of the most popular of American novels. Mr. Rudyard Kipling cannot complain that literature does not "pay." It is reported that he receives a no less sum than \$500 for each of his ballads.

"The Relation of Economic Study to Charity," by Prof. Joseph Mayor, of Toronto, is one of the recent publications of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

"Pudd'n' Head Wilson" is the title of the novel by Mark Twain which the Century is to publish during the coming year. It is understood to be a story of a Mississippi steamboat town.

Tolstoy's new book is nearly ready for publication, and this, he declares, will be his last work of fiction. It is his final word on the subject of "the holiness and rottenness of society."

A second edition of the September Cosmopolitan was called for, bringing the copies printed for the month up to 211,000. Its illustrations relating to the world's fair make it a valuable souvenir number. Edward Bok receives one of the largest personal mails in the country, a year's mail consisting of over 20,000 letters. Three-fourths of these letters are from women. No part of this huge mail reaches Mr. Bok directly; it is opened by a private secretary and distributed to assistants for answer.

Mr. A. F. Bandler, the archaeologist, has prepared for the press a collection of stories setting forth many romantic episodes of the early Spanish explorations of the Southwest. It is to be called "The Gilded Man," this title being derived from the first story, which embodies the legend of El Dorado, and which is the only tale in the collection not belonging to this country.

A Hebrew translation of "Daniel Deronda" is coming from the press in Poland. The translator, Herr David Frishman, says in his preface that he believes that George Eliot, in writing this novel, was miraculously inspired. "Who," he writes, "taught this non-Jewish woman the life of the Jews in all its details? Who planted in her heart the law of truth and the spirit of prophecy?" His answer is that such knowledge could only be revealed by God.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Court Notes—"Come into the garden, Maud."—Pittsburg Dispatch.
Hornblower would seem as dear with any other name.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

It has become public that Van Alen pronounces his name Vawn Awlen. Awl—Toledo Blade.

Grover Cleveland is just as big a man as he formerly was, but he is not as large as he thought he was.—Philadelphia Press.

As the Rev. Joseph Cook proposes to tell the religious congress all he thinks he knows it is impossible to fix the date for adjourning that bolly—Washington Post.
Now that he has had sufficient time to cool off, will General Bragg be kind enough to state whether or not he is loving any particular public man for the enemies he may have made?—Washington Post.

Constant Reader is politely informed that the only reason the administration does not keep its campaign pledges relating to trusts is because apples were never known to grow on mullein trees.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The complaint of the colored folks that they were denied a negro representative on the board of lady managers of the world's fair is most unreasonable. They ought to consider it a distinguished honor to be out of that crowd.—Boston Herald.

If Van Alen really paid \$50,000 for his appointment, really shouldn't the money be refunded and the bargain declared off? The administration could better afford to than disgrace to the national government.—Philadelphia North American.

The tax on incomes is the most intolerable of levies for many reasons, but chiefly because of its unfair and inquisitorial character. It places a government spy over every man's business and home, and is a direct incentive to perjury and misrepresentation.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Three dachshunds have been sent to Mrs. Cleveland from Bremen, Germany, a distance of 4,000 miles.

Senator Voorhees shaved off his little goatie a year or two ago, but the newspaper artists won't have it that way.

Napoleon Higgins Carlisle, who has been appointed postmaster at Covington, Ky., is a brother of the Hon. John G. Carlisle.

Professor Koch has married the young actress, Miss Friedberg, on whose behalf he recently obtained a divorce from his wife.

Professor Ruge says that Columbus didn't receive as much salary per month as admiral as is paid to each of the Columbian guards at the fair. And he probably did not feel nearly so important as many of them.

Five Irish peers take their titles from places that are not to be found on the map of Ireland. These are the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Sheffield, the Earl of Darley, Viscount Bangor and Viscount Hawarden.

The lady is announced, near Florence, from the effects of a fall, of Susanne, Mme. De la Ramee, the mother of "Quilda," the novelist. Mme. De la Ramee, whose maiden name was Sutton, was by birth an Englishwoman.

Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell still lives in the house where her husband died. She has no amusements, no diversions, enters into none of the social incidents of the neighbors, seems to be, and authentic report says is, heartbroken and inconsolable over the loss of the man she really loved, with whom she hoped to consecrate her life.

Mr. Joshua Oldfield, in the Vegetarian, explains why people go to sleep so often in church. No blame must henceforth be attached to the gentleman in the pulpit, for it is not a tedious sermon or droning voice which is responsible for the inclination to slumber. The cause crops up in

our old friend Hypnotism, and the soothing effect is obtained by the iteration of sounds long familiar to the ear. It is this iteration that makes us sleepy, not the sermon—as has been hitherto commonly supposed.

Mrs. W. P. Earle, of New York, who has been spending some time at Richmond Spring, does not permit the trifling incident of being a great-grandmother to interfere with her ante-breakfast canter on her pet horse. Mrs. Earle's figure is as erect, her eye as clear, her hand as steady, as though she were under forty instead of past seventy years of age.

The Christian Endeavor convention of 1894 will be held in Cleveland, July 11 to 15. Twenty-five diplomas, it is said, will be awarded societies reporting the largest number of pledged proportionate systematic givers in their membership. Twenty-five more will go to the societies forming the largest number of societies during the year, and a banner will be given to the local union that gains the greatest number of societies during the year.

James Magner, who is said to have a well authenticated record of his birth one hundred and eleven years ago, is living in Fairfax, Va., though he is now sinking gradually from old age. Mr. Magner is a native of Ireland, and came to America in 1843, finally settling as a farmer in Virginia, where he now lives under the care of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife is nearly centenarian, but is still hale and hearty, and does the household duties of the farm.

A story comes from the Cherokee Strip of a gambler who secured a desirable lot in the rush for claims and then made a present of it to an old woman who had been unsuccessful in the grab game. A disappointed claim-seeker attempted to deprive her of the land, but refrained when she said: "Young fellow, I'm a widder, and I'm armed, and I'm going to hold this lot and build a hotel on it. If you don't get out of here I will start business for the undertaker." "That's right, mother," said the gambler, "and I'll be the coroner."

Michalet's impressions of the English people in 1834, as related in the first volume of memoirs of the historian, are interesting as a Gallic tribute to the good qualities of perfidious Albion. "On first seeing all these red faces and necks," says Michalet, "one would think it was a nation of drunkards. But it is only the accumulation of blood and of energy. The rich food habitually taken is a great measure account for the irresistible impetuosity of their wills." Michalet was also strongly impressed by the cottages in Kent, which he found "embowered in garlands of roses."

SEMI-SCIENTIFIC FRAGMENTS.

Hardware.
From the known properties of aluminum to resist the action of salt water, it is being used as an alloy 12 parts to 88 of other metals for bolts for boats. In this shape it forms a combination with copper which is of a bright yellow color and is very tough.

The ball-bearing axle and the pneumatic tire have unusual values of horse to an astonishing extent. Ten years ago a horse that could go in 2:30 had a very high value. To-day, the horse that cannot go within that time is of small value for track purposes.

The Chinese, in utilizing soapstone, which is found in their country in large quantities, make of it trays for pens, slabs for rubbing ink, flower vases, incense boxes, sundials, and other things. The Chinese are next to the Greeks, the most artistic of nations, and the disciples of Confucius revere with so much fervor.

The air brakes on railroads are being built with a view to their use on trains of one hundred cars. The plant on each train is being built so that it can be used in such a way as to bring the speed down from eighty to thirty miles per hour within five seconds. Great power has to be used, and every part of the apparatus has to be perfect to stand the strain.

Scissors are forged from good bar steel heated to redness, each blade being cut out with sufficient metal to form the single part of the pair which embraces the cutting part of the bow, the latter being the name given to the holding portion. A small hole is punched to represent the bow, and in turn enlarged to the proper size on a conical anvil. Both shank and bow are then shaped, and the hole bored in the middle of the shank. The blades are next ground and the handles made smooth with oil, and then fitted, hardened and tempered. At the present time American scissors are entitled to first rank in the world.

Silver for other purposes than coin has a very extended use. The uses for it in tableware are well known, and for plating more is consumed than in all the other industrial arts. It is also used in dentistry, photography and in mirrors. It is the foundation of indelible ink, is found in surgery and forms a nitrate in medicine. In mineral-water machines it forms the interior of condensers, and the lining of the block in the pipe. It is used in galvanometers, and in electricity where the best conductor is essential for the most delicate tests. About \$3,000,000 annually is used in the arts in the United States, \$2,500,000 going into solid spoons and forks.

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